

House	COMMUNICATION INFORMATION CENTER DAILY BRIEFING Wednesday, Sept. 8, 1999 – 7:27 AM	Message of the Day	5 - percent of state grant bonus awarded by Straight A's bill if states reduce achievement gaps in two subject areas.
Republican		Returning dollars and decisions back home to parents, teachers and administrators who know our children's names and needs.	
Conference			

Events	TODAY – 9/8	Tomorrow – 9/9	Coming up ...	Yesterday's Events	Lead Stories
House GOP	* On floor: VA, HUD; * Hastert to visit charter school, to highlight Straight A's; * Watts to visit charter schools in Trenton, N.J., Allentown, Pa.; * Dreier hearing on D.C.; * Fossella news conference on FALN terrorists, Clinton; * Portman news conference to release drug use survey; * Royce to speak at discussion on Sierra Leone; * Baker to speak on Fannie Mae-Freddie Mac.	* On floor: VA-HUD, D.C.; * Hyde markup of controlled substances; * Porter markup of Labor-HHS; * Upton subcommittee on government fraud fighters; * Bereuter subcommittee on Indonesia, East Timor; * Burton, Sensenbrenner joint hearing on FAA, Y2K readiness; * Scarborough subcommittee on police officer retirement; * Sanford to speak on Social Security, voters.	* 9/14 Hoekstra subcommittee on AmeriCorps; * 9/14 Chenoweth subcommittee on wildfire activities; * 9/15 Ros-Lehtinen subcommittee on free trade; * 9/15 Young of Alaska hearing on Indian recognition; * 9/15 Fowler subcommittee on aircraft safety; * 9/15 Duncan subcommittee on pilot fatigue; * 9/16 Young of Alaska hearing on Mariana Islands.	* Wilson news conference to highlight need for volunteers; * Franks toured proposed site for national health museum on Ellis Island; * Hutchinson spoke at Harding University in Searcy, Ark.; * Watts, Chabot, Northrup, Whitfield , others toured Cincinnati, Ky., Indiana schools on "Education Express" bus tour.	ABC World News (Tues.) 1. World angered by East Timor 2. Reno asking former Sen. Danforth to head Waco FBI probe 3. Puerto Ricans agree to renounce violence to get clemency NBC Nightly News (Tues.) 1. Ford pays female employees over \$7 million for sex harassment 2. Cisneros pleads guilty to lying 3. Terrorists get Clinton clemency CBS Evening News (Tues.) 1. Viacom buys CBS 2. 12 jailed Puerto Ricans renounce violence to get clemency 3. Reno has selected ex-Sen. Danforth to lead FBI-Waco probe
Senate GOP	* On floor: Interior; * Hutchison, Hastert news conference on education; * Gorton to participate fuel economy standards discussion; * Craig news conference on small business, government policy.	* McCain to begin book tour; * Warner hearing on Shelton reappointment; * McCain hearing on Rhode, Leary nominations; * Hatch hearing on protecting religious liberty.	* 9/14 Murkowski hearing on Mariana Islands; * 9/14 Grassley hearing on health; * 9/15 Murkowski hearing on nominations; * 9/15 Coverdell subcommittee on FALN controversy.	* McCain in Anaheim, Calif.; * Hatch kicked off "Skinny Cat" ad campaign; * Grassley held conference on economic concentration and consolidation in agriculture.	Fox Special Report (Tues.) 1. Terrorists accept clemency deal 2. Reno offers Danforth Waco investigation job 3. Whitman not running for Senate
Govs	* Bush of Texas to visit elementary school in R.I.	* Bush of Texas to Columbia, S.C., to speak at Rotary Club.	* 9/10 Sunquist to speak at tax reform forum.	* Pataki signed family member sexual offender bill.	Washington Post (Wed.) 1. Yeltsin is linked to bribe scheme 2. Viacom buys CBS 3. Cisneros pleads guilty to lying
President	* To hold event on health care, Medicare, patients' bill of rights, prescription drugs.	* To participate in White House conference on gun control; * To travel to New Zealand.	* 9/12-13 To meet with Chinese President Jiang during APEC meeting in New Zealand.	* Delivered remarks at an education event, criticized GOP tax relief; * Hosted San Antonio Spurs.	Washington Times (Wed.) 1. Danforth is offered Waco probe 2. 12 terrorists accept clemency 3. Pressure mounts for intervention in East Timor
1st Lady	* In Bay Shore, N.Y., for back-to-school event, to listen.	* In N.Y. to listen.	* 9/15 To speak at Hispanic heritage ceremony with Gore.	Schedule not available to the public.	New York Times (Wed.) 1. Viacom to buy CBS 2. Long, costly case against Cisneros ends in plea deal 3. Whitman decides she won't run for U.S. Senate USA TODAY (Wed.) 1. FALN accepts Clinton clemency 2. CBS to join Viacom empire 3. Alternative schools attract 1 in 4 students
VP Gore	* In Anaheim, Calif., to speak at American Legion convention.	* In D.C., events to be announced.	* 9/10-11 To Iowa City, Des Moines for Gore 2000 events.	* Delivered address on health care in Los Angeles.	
Cabinet	* Summers to speak to N.Y. Economic Club.	* Reno to participate in White House conference on gun control.	* 9/13 Albright to return from OPEC summit.	* Summers, Rubin met with Japanese minister of state.	
Dems	* Gephardt, Frank news conference on HUD budget with Cuomo; * Menendez to speak at Hispanic business conference; * Roybal-Allard, Rodriguez news conference on Hispanic health.	* Roybal-Allard to speak at Hispanic business conference; * Daschle to speak at CEO summit on rural telecommunications; * Reid news conference to announce Energy grant to Teamsters.	* 9/15 Roybal-Allard to address congressional Hispanic conference.	* Obey, Baldwin held joint news conference protesting GOP tax relief.	

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